

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

HB 499 does not implicate any House Principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

Section 334.071, F.S., provides for legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not “officially” change the current names of the facilities, nor does the statute require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings.

The statute requires Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to place a marker at each terminus or intersection of an identified road or bridge, and to erect other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility. The statute also provides that a city or county must pass a resolution in support of a particular designation before road markers are erected. Additionally, if the designated road segment extends through multiple cities or counties, a resolution must be passed by each affected local government.

Based on FDOT records, some 1,134 honorary road and bridge designations have been approved since 1922, most of them by the Legislature. Some public roads and bridges have multiple or overlapping designations.

Effect of HB 499:

HB 499 designates the following bridge:

- The bridge over the railroad tracks on State Road 441 at N.W. 3rd Street and N.W. 8th Street in the City of Ocala in Marion County is designated as “Judge William T. Swigert Bridge.”

Judge William T. Swigert served as Circuit Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida from 1974-2005, during which time he was elected as Chief Judge by all of the judges of the Fifth Judicial Circuit. Judge Swigert served as Chief Judge for 14 years, longer than any other judge in the history of Marion County. After serving 32 years on the bench as a judge in Marion County and the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Judge Swigert presently serves as a Senior Circuit Judge.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Designates Judge William T. Swigert Bridge in Marion County.

Section 2: Specifies an effective date of July 1, 2007.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

FDOT estimates that the cost to erect two suitable bridge designating markers is approximately \$800, this assumes the placement of a marker at each end of the designated bridge segment. The expenditure is from the State Transportation Trust Fund and includes installation and maintenance costs.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable because this bill does not appear to require the counties or cities to spend funds or take an action requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that cities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with cities or counties.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

FDOT has sufficient rulemaking authority to implement this bill.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR

None provided.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

On March 19, 2007, the Committee on Tourism and Trade adopted 3 amendments by the bill sponsor that do the following:

- Clarifies the technical language giving the location of the “Judge William T. Swigert Bridge.”
- Designates a portion of Flagler Avenue in Miami-Dade County as the “Arnold M. Velazquez Boulevard” and directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers.
- Designates a portion of S.W. 31st and S.W. 25th Avenue and Coral Way in Miami-Dade County as the “Marilyn Culp Way” and directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers.
- Designates a portion of Kendall Drive in Miami-Dade County as the “Dr. Leonard Cherdack Memorial Highway” and directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers.
- Designates the “Rick Ricciardelli Bridge” in the City of North Miami and directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers.

On March 19, 2007, the Committee on Tourism and Trade adopted 1 amendment by Representative Murzin that does the following:

- Designates the “The David Bogan Bridge” in Escambia County and directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers.